

REMARKS

As instructed during a phone conversation between Applicant's counsel, Tim Klintworth, and Examiner Peter Coughlan, Applicant has filed the instant amendment after notice of allowance under 37 CFR 1.312, and before the issue fee has been paid, to amend independent claims 17 and 21 to further state that they are each a "computer-implemented method" and that a "processor" does each step of each "computer-implemented method." These amendments were necessitated to make these independent claims consistent with the Examiner's amendment to dependent claims 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, and 42 in which the Examiner further specified for each of these dependent claims "The computer-implemented method" of one of independent claims 17 and 21, and in which the Examiner further specified that each step is carried out by "the processor" of one of independent claims 17 and 21. Applicant respectfully requests that the instant amendment be entered prior to issuance of the patent to make the independent claims consistent with the Examiner's amendments to the dependent claims. The Examiner has indicated that the instant 37 CFR 1.312 amendment will be entered prior to the patent issuing. The Examiner is requested to call Applicant's counsel if any further discussion is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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